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Excise Officers Cite 53 in West Lafayette

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (April 21) – Indiana State Excise Police officers issued 53 tickets during Purdue University's Grand Prix events this weekend.

The majority of those ticketed by State Excise Police officers were charged with alcohol-related offenses that included illegal possession or consumption of alcohol and possession of false ID. Nine adults were also charged with furnishing alcohol to minors.

One man was jailed shortly after 6:30 p.m. on Friday after he attempted to flee from officers.

Adam T. Fulk, 19, of Schererville, Ind., was arrested inside the Wal-Mart located on Northwestern Avenue after he was observed purchasing an alcoholic beverage using a false ID. When Fulk was approached by Excise Officers as he neared the exit, he attempted to flee by pushing one of the officers. Fulk then fought with officers briefly before he was placed in handcuffs.

Fulk was taken to the Tippecanoe County Jail on preliminary charges of battery on law enforcement (felony), resisting law enforcement, illegal possession of alcohol and possession of false ID. One Excise Officer sustained minor injuries during the incident.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.